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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Grand Duke Sergius, Governor General of Moscow and uncle of the Czar, was assassinated yesterday by a bomb thrown under his carriag ; his mu derers were captured and boast of the crime. —— Hon. Hoke Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., refuses to talk about Secretary Hitchcock's criticism, but has gone to Washington to investigate. ——Dun's weekly trade report shows that there is a revival of exports in textiles to China; failures for the week in the United States 358, against 287 last year. —— The House yesterday appropriated nearly $10,000, 0 for the District of Columbia; the Senate makes amende honorable to the House for infract on of its pr rogatives. —— Sta ue of Miss Frances E. Willard, gr at temperance advoca e, was received by Congress ye te day for Statuary Hall. ——The General Assembly of Kansas has determined to establish an oil refinery to fight the Standard Oil Company, and makes the pipe lines common carriers in order to use the company's lines for the State's busines . —— Colorado is also to establish an oil refinery. —— The investigation at Washington shows that with a capital of $7,000,000, the Panama Railroad Company s gross earnings were $2,861,358 last year. —— Tue Czar is considering peace proposals from Japan. ——New York markets: Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent; cotton was steady at 7.90; flour was firm; wheat, spot irregular, No 2 red $1.33½ f. o. b. afloat; corn, spot irregular, No. 2 55c at elevator; oats, spot firm, mixed 26@32 pounds, 37 @38c; osin quiet; spirits turpentine quiet at 54½@55c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 17.

Meteorological data for the twenty four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 33; 8 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum 28 degrees; mean 41 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since first of the month to date, 3.17 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8A.M.,Thursday 30.9 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—For North Carolina: Fair Saturday and Sunday; colder in northeast portion Saturday; fresh west winds.

Port Almanac--February 18.

Sun Rises	6.47 A. M.
Sun Sets	5 48 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 56 M.
High Water at Southport	6.40 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington	9.10 A. M.

Dealing in futures—wondering when we are to have some more Sunny South weather.

After all, it may be best to send a man to the United States Senate as the best means of getting on to his curves.

The Ohio Republicans again have each other by the throat. However, there are not enough Democrats in Ohio to enjoy it.

The 30,000 square mile "spot" which has come in between the sun and the earth will please move on and give the tropics a chance.

It is said that the Chicago packing houses have got a comer on the egg supply. They lay themselves liable for holding up prices and making the consumers shell out.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "The North Carolina Legislature is just now laying on McDuff over the question, Shall we cork the jug or protect the soon oyster?"

We can realize how Johann Hoch kept right on marrying wives till he got his twelfth, but it must have made him "feard-like" when he rounded up number 13.

"What is Delaware good for, anyway?" asks an exchange. Why-er for an annual failure of the peach crop and the continued failure of Gas Addicks to finance himself into the Senate.

Says the Birmingham Age-Herald: "When a woman of 60 elopes with a man of 33, what has become of the age of discretion?" You can search the groom in this case and find that he hasn't got it.

In hunting precedents for violation of the constitution, President Roosevelt can find lots of them for the reason that the Republican party has been running things for 49 years with the exception of eight years of Grover.

When Senator Bailey told the Republicans that President Roosevelt's "natural gait was running way" they didn't believe him. They thought they could use the blind bridle on the President but they have now decided that a curb bit has to be used.

Argentina made haste to notify the Roosevelt administration that the insurrection there has been crushed. The pigheaded insurgents neglected to notify the administration in advance so their independence could have been recognized as soon as they "rose up as one man."

A Pittsburg, Pa., girl prosecuted a young man for stealing a kiss from her. The judge was amazed at the beauty of the fair plaintiff and dismissed the suit on the ground that the defendant's offence was justifiable. No girl could appeal against such a flattering decision.

FINANCES OF COUNTY.

Six Thousand Dollars of Court House Bonds Called in for Redemption.

THE QUESTION OF ROADS.

An Act Authorizing People to Vote Upon Another Issue for Permanent Improvement—Delegation to Look After Bills in Legislature.

An important special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, Chairman McEachern presiding and members in attendance being Messrs. Alexander, Divine, Robertson and Vollers. A resolution was adopted calling in $6,000 of the Court House bonds for payment; the chairman and one other member of the Board were delegated to go to Raleigh and look after the several bills pending in the Legislature, affecting the county government and the chairman was authorized to have drafted a dill empowering the people of the county to vote upon another bond issue for permanent road improvement in case such action be deemed needful in the near future.

The following resolution with reference to the calling in of the bonds was offered by Mr. Robertson and seconded by Mr. Divine, after which it passed unanimously, to wit:

WHEREAS, The county has on deposit as a part of its sinking fund an amount sufficient to pay the twelve outstanding bonds of the county due in 1907, issued by authority of "An Act to empower the Board of Commissioner of New Hanover county to issue bonds for the erection of a Court House and for other purposes," passed at the 1891 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina; now, therefore, it is

Resolved: That the twelve bonds of the county of New Hanover of the denomination of $500 each, issued the 1st day of January, 1892, and numbered respectively 15, 16 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30 and 31, be and the same are hereby called in for payment and that the Chairman of this Board be and he is hereby directed to publish a notice twice a week for four successive weeks in such newspapers published in the city of Wilmington as he may determine, giving the numbers, dates and amounts of said bonds so called in and the day and place when and where they will be paid on presentation, which said day shall not be less than 30 days from the day of the first publication of the said notice.

The bonds referred to are not due until 1907, but as they bear five per cent. interest and are non-taxable, it was deemed advisable to retire them and stop the interest by redeeming them from the sinking fund. It is understood that most of the bonds are held in Wilmington. Official advertisement, called for in the resolution, may be found elsewhere in to-days paper.

The proposed act authorizing an election upon a bond issue for roads does not make it mandatory upon the Commissioners to call the election, but it was thought best to have the act passed as the General Assembly does not meet again in two years and in the meantime if it is desired to continue the road work, upon the exhaustion of the present fund, it would be impossible to do so without legislative enactment. However, in any event the people will have an opportunity of voting upon the question of whether they desire to continue the work or not. The balance to the present road fund is something over $10,000 with a sufficiency in the sinking fund to meet all interest and proportionately enough to retire the bonds when they become due.

Mr. Vollers will probably accompany Mr. McEachern to Raleigh to look after the legislative bills, the principal one of which is the act empowering the county to establish a work house in connection with the County Home. The Legislature will only be in session about two weeks longer and the bill referred to appears to have been lost "in the shuffle". They will also see that the bond issue act is put through both Houses promptly.

The Plumbers Organize.

Last night there was an enthusiastic meeting of plumbers, gas fitters and steam fitters held at Labor Union Hall. The object was to organize a local and secure a charter of affiliation from the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters' Helpers of the United States and Canada. There was a temporary organization effected, and Organizer Leonard, of the American Federation of Labor, will send for a charter and install the new local under the laws of the organization. There were twelve members enrolled last night and it is thought that every plumber, gas fitter and steam fitter in the city will become members before the charter list is closed.

Bishop Strange to Labor.

Next Friday night in the K. of P. hall on the third floor of the Atlantic National Bank building, Rt. Rev. Robert Strange will deliver an address to the laboring men of the city. Bishop Strange will speak by invitation, and it is needless to say that the hall will be taxed to its utmost capacity on that occasion, and that those present will hear something good, sound and substantial.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. A. L.—Reduced rates.
Geo. Honnet—This week.
Notice—To County bondholders.
J. H Rehder & Co.—Spring showing.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Furnished Room—For rent.

THE INAUGURATION TRIP.

Wilmington Light Infantry Laying Elaborate Plans for Event—Its Place in the Inaugural Parade.

Indications now are that nearly the complete roster and a large number of the Reserve Corps of the Wilmington Light Infantry will attend and participate in the inauguration of President Roosevelt in Washington on March 4th. The trip is being anticipated with no little pleasure by the boys of the company and the people of Wilmington generally are interested and enthused to the extent that they desire the city well represented at that big national event. Unhampered, the Light Infantry may be depended upon to make that representation the equal of any in the South.

The committee of arrangements for the inauguration, composed of Thos. R. Orrell, (chairman) S. C. Potts, Jr., R. N. Nash and Capt. Wm. F. Robertson, ex officio, met last night and further discussed plans for the big event. An additional number of members signified their intention of taking the trip and Capt. Robertson made the order, that all who intend to go, report the same definitely at the drill next Tuesday night. And in this connection it should be stated that no employer should stand in the way of any member of the company going. Aside from giving the city creditable representation upon an important State occasion, the educational value of the trip will have its reflex upon the interests of the employer. The public has always been liberal with financial aid but now the need is for men to completely fill the ranks. Capt. Robertson is anxious to take every man on the roster and the indications are that he will.

Yesterday's Washington Post in an account of the meeting of the inaugural committee gives the order of marching and places the Wilmington Light Infantry, of North Carolina, next to the front, New York coming first with five companies and a squadron of Brooklyn Naval Reserves. Then comes three companies from Ohio, five from Pennsylvania, one from Rhode Island, ten from Virginia, including the Richmond Blues and Petersburg Grays. Governors from States and their staffs and Washington cadets. About $70,000 has been subscribed and paid in to the inaugural committee.

Yesterday's News and Observer says: "Governor Glenn and his military staff will go if a sufficient number of companies go, and it seems certain now that the State will be represented. The party will go over the Seaboard Air line if the trip is taken, a special car being occupied by the Governor and his party."

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Heyer building will be completed by the 26th and ready for occupancy from "cellar to garret," so to speak.

— Again no Mayor's court yesterday and no arrests by the police. But the quiet will be broken with a rush of offenders to-night, the same being Saturday.

— Fayetteville Observer, 17th: "The Atlantic Coast Line oil house caught fire yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, but, owing to the prompt response of the fire company, the flames were soon extinguished. The loss was about fifty dollars."

— It was noted in these columns yesterday that Solicitor Duffy was ill and unable to be at Sampson court. Mr. Duffy is in a hospital in Baltimore for treatment and his friends will be glad to know that he appears to be doing very well. Mrs. Duffy is with him.

— Miss Sara Catlett last night gave a delightful german to her evening dancing class, in Hibernian Hall, which was very prettily decorated for the event. About 40 couples participated and after the dance refreshments were served and a programme of entertaining music was rendered. Miss Catlett will give a soiree to the little folks of her afternoon class on Monday night.

RASH ACT OF YOUNG WOMAN.

Tired of Life, Fallen Girl Would End Existence With Poisonous Drug.

Effie Campbell, a fallen white woman who lives at the house of Kate Jenkins, on MacRae street, attempted to end her unhappy existence by swallowing the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid and also a bottle of laudanum last night about 7 o'clock. She was in her room on the first floor and other inmates of the house heard her fall about the hour named. They went in the room and found her lying on the floor, a severe gash over her eye and an abrasion on the forehead as the result of the fall. One of the empty bottles which contained the drug was on a dresser in the room and another was on the floor near where the woman fell. A physician was quickly summoned and though the woman was still alive at 2 o'clock this morning it was expected that she would die at any moment.

Despondency is assigned as the cause of the rash act. The woman is said to be a native of Virginia and has two sisters living in the same vicinity of the house in which she took the poison.

The "Light House" for an oyster roast! Everything new. Electric lights. Cheerful open fires. Last car leaves Wrightsville at 10:30 P. M.; heated, closed cars. The 8 o'clock car from town comes back as far as the Light House at 4:30 P. M. to give you an opportunity to get an oyster roast as well as visit the the ocean.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Lecture Delivered Last Evening in Academy of Music by Judge S. J. Hanna.

TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH.

An Able Exposition of the Doctrines and Creeds of the Denomination Founded by Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy by Distinguished Man.

Judge Septimus J. Hanna, of Colorado Springs, Col., for more than ten years first reader of the "Mother Church," in Boston, a personal friend and an associate of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, and editor for several years of leading church periodicals, delivered a most interesting address last evening in the Academy of Music upon the general subject of Christian Science. The parquet of the house was well filled with people, intelligent and earnest seekers after the truth concerning the creeds and tenets of the religion of which the distinguished visitor came to speak. The stage was very attractively set with palms and potted plants, and Judge Hanna was briefly but very happily introduced by George L. Peschau, Esq., of the Wilmington bar.

Judge Hanna spoke for a little more than an hour and a half but had the undivided attention of his hearers throughout. His address dealt more largely with the doctrine of Christian healing than others of the same nature heard in Wilmington during the past two or three years, the speaker quoting liberally from the Scripture and appealing to the people to literally interpret what they read there, declaring the Bible the basis of all Christian religion. In the same connection Judge Hanna spoke of the Christian Science text book, as well as the life and character of its author, Mrs. Eddy, explaining that the book is a spiritual interpretation of the bible; hence its title, "Key to the Scriptures." The speaker went on to tell something of the good that comes from association with the Christian Science faith, and much in refutation of the real and inferred adverse criticism of the discoverer of that faith and what it teaches to mankind.

The creed of the Christian Scientists was read and explained in a very comprehensive manner, each being quoted as follows:

1. As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal Life.

2. We acknowledge and adore one supreme and infinite God; we acknowledge one Christ—his Son, Christ Jesus; the Holy Ghost or divine Comforter; and man as his image and likeness.

3. We acknowledge God's forgiveness of sin in the destruction of sin, and the spiritual understanding that evil is unreal, hence not eternal. But the belief in sin is punished so long as it lasts.

4. We acknowledge Jesus' atonement as the evidence of divine, efficacious Love, unfolding man't unity with God through Christ Jesus the Wayshower.

5. We acknowledge that man is saved through Christ, through Truth, Life and Love as demonstrated by the Galilean Prophet in the healing of the sick and the overcoming of sin and death. Also, that the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection served to elevate faith and understanding to perceive eternal Life—the allness of spirit and the nothingness of matter.

6. We solemnly promise to strive, watch and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to love one another, and to be meek, merciful, just and pure.

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Concluding his address, Judge Hanna explained succinctly the doctrine of Christian healing and gave the underlying principles upon which the doctrine is founded. He had unkind words for no one and spoke commendably of the ministers and teachers of other denominations and of the medical profession, all of whom were credited with proceeding along lines they considered to be right, just and proper, but lacking in an understanding of the great truths of the Christian Science faith. Judge Hanna was listened to attentively, respectfully, and the First Church of Christ, Scientist, under the auspices of which he lectured, made friends by his appearance.

Judge Hanna arrived on the afternoon train yesterday from Charleston, accompanied by Mrs. Hanna. They were entertained at The Orion and later given an informal reception in the handsomely appointed rooms of the Christian Scientists, in the new Odd Fellow building. From Wilmington Judge and Mrs. Hanna go to day to Newbern; then to Kinston, Norfolk and further North.

THE HAYMAKERS' BAND.

Organization Was Effected Last Night. Officers and Members Named.

The Haymakers' Cornet Band was organized last night with Mr. Jas. H. Cowan, drum major; Prof. C. W. Hollowbush, leader and manager; Mr. W. L. West, secretary, and Messrs. J. A. Feitel and W. L. Burkheimer, trustees. The band starts off with a membership of twenty, and will be recruited from time to time to a membership of thirty.

Among the members are: Cornets, C. W. Hollowbush, T. K. Curtis, R. B. Tucker, C. G. Sellers and R. B. Burriss; clarinets, Henry Wrede, Melvin Dent and E. L. Remsburg; altos, Harry Brandon, Eugene Sellers and R. L. Godbold; baritone, J. M. Culbreth; bass, J. A. Feitel; tenors, R. H. Morris, J. B. Coley and W. L. West; drums, W. L. Burkheimer and Jno. T. Yates; cymbals, W. B. Savage.

TO CONSIDER THE WARD BILL.

State Democratic Executive Committee to Meet in Raleigh on Feb. 21st—Dissatisfaction in Ranks.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 17.—A call was issued to-day by United States Senator Simmons for a meeting of the Democratic State Advisory Central and Executive committees to meet here February 21, the call being in response to a demand of members who met here last night. However, it only asked for the Executive Committee to be convened, whereas the call is for all three committees. Members who asked for the meeting say that while they do not object to having the Advisory and Central committees meet with them, the Executive Committee is the one that needs to act, it being the direct mouth-piece of the party, representing the rank and file of the party.

The object of the meeting is to put an interpretation on the clause of the Democratic platform declaring the attitude of the party to temperance legislation. The hope of those who demanded the call is that the committee will interpret the temperance plank to mean that the party stand by the Watts bill as enacted two years ago, but will decline to endorse the Ward bill already passed by the Senate, as a party measure, Chairman Simmons being its author.

Col. Geo. L. Morton, who is here taking an active interest in the fight against the Ward bill, says the Executive Committee solely has the right to interpret the platform and he and others are curious to know why Senator Simmons saw fit to include the Central and Advisory committeemen. The call quotes the letter to Chairman Simmons with the signatures of the committeemen.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. E. H. Clarke, of Fremont, N. C., was here yesterday.

— Col. H. B. Short, of Lake Waccamaw, was here yesterday.

— Mr. A.J. Moore Jr., of Wilson, was a guest at The Orion yesterday.

— Among yesterday's arrivals was Mr. P. H. Sears, of Whiteville.

— Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of Chapel Hill, is here to spend a day or two.

— Among yesterday's arrivals were W. A. Stancil and W. G. Pool, of Raleigh.

— Hon. J. G. Shaw, of Fayetteville, was here yesterday on professional business.

— J. O. Carr, Esq., returned yesterday morning from a professional trip up to the W. & W. railroad.

— Mr. W. J. Sylvia, after spending a month in the city the guest of Mr. E. D. Warren, has returned to his home in Charleston.

— Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wingard, of Augusta, Ga., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Warren, No. 219 South Sixth street, have returned home.

— Miss Ida May Sholar, of Columbia, S. C., who has been on an extended visit to her aunt, Mrs. Benj. Motte, No. 109 South Second street, has returned to her home.

— Among last night's arrivals were L. P. Rawlings, Wilson; Capt. W. E. Kyle, Fayetteville; J. K. Morrisey, Clinton; W. H. Ingram, Sumter; J. T. Williams, Lydia, and R. W. Wallace, Kenansville.

— Mr. Wm. B. Streeter, superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, Greensboro, is in the city in the interest of that most worthy charity. Since that society was established, about the middle of September, 1903, it has provided for 73 waifs and homeless children.

TRANSFER OF U. S. PHARMACISTS.

Mr. Samuel W. Richardson Ignored Here and Mr. McKay Goes to Boston.

Mr. Samuel W. Richardson and wife, of Boston, Mass., arrived yesterday and are guests at The Orion. Mr. Richardson is a senior pharmacist in the U. S. Marine Hospital Service and comes to relieve Mr. Macolm McKay, senior pharmacist at the hospital here, who has been assigned to duty in Boston and who will leave this morning or to-night for his new station. Mrs. McKay and children will remain in Wilmington for some time before joining Mr. McKay, on account of the illness of one of the children.

It is a singular coincidence that both Mr. McKay and Mr. Richardson are transferred again to places where they have previously served. Mr. McKay was in Boston seven years ago and about 25 years ago Mr. Richardson was pharmacist here when the hospital was first established. Mr. Richardson will take up his duties at the hospital to-morrow.

Pastor Hale's Subjects.

At the First Baptist church on Sunday morning Pastor Fred D. Hale will preach the second in a series of sermons on "Heaven," the topic being, "The Size and Beauty of the Heavenly City and the Number of Its Inhabitants." At night the subject will be, "The Early Bitter Persecutions and the Recent Wonderful Progress of the People Called Baptists."

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over in the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Wilmington Pilotage Bill Passed the Lower House and Now Goes to the Senate.

THE PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY

Bill Decreasing Challenges in Murder Trials Favorably Acted Upon — Olive's Landlord and Tenant Bill--Appropriations Asked.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 17.—The Graham bill to reduce the number of challenges for defendants in capital cases and the Wilmington pilotage bill occupied practically all of the time of the House to-day, and in the Senate the only bill of note considered was the landlord and tenant act, which has already passed the House. All of the measures referred to were passed by the branch of the General Assembly in which they were considered.

THE PILOTAGE BILL.

The pilotage bill came up as the special order in the House, and Mr. Murphy, of Rowan, moved that the bill be postponed until to-morrow at 12 o'clock, which was lost.

Mr. Murphy, of Buncombe, on behalf of the majority of the committee, explained the bill.

Mr. Stickley offered an amendment making the rates of pilotage when the ships accept the service of the pilots, the same as they now stand.

Mr. Taylor spoke for this amendment, saying that it was nothing but right and justice to the pilots that when their services were accepted the rates should reamain as they are now.

Mr. Turlington, chairman of the committee, Mr. Alexander, Mr. McGill and Mr. Branch asked that the majority report of the committee be adopted.

Mr. Stickley's amendment was lost.

Mr. Taylor then spoke on the merits of the bill and against it.

Mr. Murphy called for the previous question, and the bill passed second reading.

Mr. Cox offered an amendment that the bill shall not go into effect until after a vote by the people of New Hanover and Brunswick, which was lost. The bill then passed the third reading.

Lieutenant-Governor Winston, as president of the Senate, assured Representative Boney to night that when the pilotage bill comes over from the House to-morrow, he will at once turn it over to the proper committee. Then the committeee will fix a date for a hearing. The biggest fight of all is expected then. Capt. J. W. Craig left for home to-night expressing confidence that the pilots will win out in the Senate. Aubrey Paraley is equally confident of victory for the business men of Wilmington.

THE GRAHAM BILL.

The Graham bill came up in the House as unfinished business and another long discussion ensued. Mr. Winborne offered an amendment reducing defendant's challenges from 23 to 15 instead of 10 and spoke in favor of that change, saying in capital cases the State now has the advantage of closing the argument to the jury. Mr. Murphy, of Rowan, offered an amendment giving the defendant the closing argument, whether he offers evidence or not. Mr. Murphy, of Buncombe, favored reducing the number of challenges to 12 for defendant and four for the State. The amendment was accepted and Mr. Graham moved that the debate on the bill be limited to an hour. Winborne withdrew his amendment and accepted that of Mr. Murphy, of Buncombe. Mr. Woodard, of Wilson, offered an amendment giving the defendant either the opening or closing argument in the discretion of the judge whether defendant offers evidence or not. Mr. Femister opposed the amendment of Mr. Woodard. Mr. Graham, of Granville, spoke for bill as amended and opposed the amendments of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Woodard.

Mr. Robeson advocating the bill said if the amendments giving the defendant the opening or closing argument would defeat the very purpose of the original bill reducing the number of challenges of defendants, and that he would rather that the number stand as it is now than to have these amendments adopted.

Mr. Stewart opposing the bill, said when the Legislature passed a law which would endanger the lives of innocent men that it was treading on dangerous ground, and in the cause of justice and right to the innocent the number should remain as it is. He said the defendant was under the disadvantage nearly always of sentiment created against him by the public press. He said good men would not serve on the jury, and for this reason the number of challenges should not be reduced. He said this bill would harm the poor man who is accused.

Mr. Winborne and Mr. Stewart sent forward an amendment making it when the defendant admitted the killing and therefore assumed the burden of proof he should be allowed the closing argument.

Mr. Butler, advocating the bill, said the defendant already has 33 challenges and could admit cause of challenge when the solicitor was questioning the juror and thereby could stand aside as many as fifty men.

Mr. Britt opposed the bill. He said he would rather that 99 guilty men go free than for one innocent man to be convicted.

The hour for the discussion having expired, Mr. Stewart's amendment was put and lost by a vote of 36 to 22.

Mr. Murphy's amendment making the number 12 instead of 10 was adopted.

Mr. Woodard's amendment giving the defendant the opening or closing argument in the discretion of the judge, was lost by a vote of 51 to 37.

Mr. Murphy's, of Rowan, amendment giving defendant closing argument, whether he offered evidence or not, was lost.

Mr. Graham's amendment that this act should not apply to the cases now on the docket was adopted.

The bill passed its second reading and upon a vote of 76 to 37 the rules were suspended and the bill passed its third reading.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS.

The House was opened with prayer by Dr. Vann. Hankins presented a petition from the Lexington Jr. O. U. A. M., against establishment of Bureau of Immigration. Among bills introduced were: By Austin, to protect fish in Stony Creek, in Nash, and to amend Code, relative to fees in Nash; by Graham, of Lincoln, to prevent sale of adulterated and misbranded feed stuffs; by Mitchell, to establish graded school in Aulander, Bertie county; by Warren, to prevent obstruction of Vine Swamp and to provide better system of working roads in Jones; by Williams, to amend stock law in Duplin, in Falson and Wolf Creek townships; by Hawes, to protect squirrels in Pender; by Taylor, to incorporate Southport & Western railroad.

The Senate was opened with prayer by Dr. Pittenger. Among bills introduced were: By Webb, to require all packages of liquors shipped into prohibition territory to be marked liquor; by McLean, to amend charter of Hamlet; by Moore, to consolidate the appropriations for Moore's Creek Battle Ground Association; by Stringfield, by request, to authorize Confederate memorials in and around the capitol at Raleigh; by Webb, to issue $234,500 bonds to equip the North Carolina hospitals for the insane.

Among bills which passed third reading were: To amend Mt. Olive graded school law; to establish graded schools at Weldon; to create school tax deficit out of portions of Pitt and Lenoir; for working roads in Craven; to create special school district in Duplin and Sampson; to amend the anti-jug law of Pender; to abolish dispensary at Seaboard; Senate substitute for other resolutions providing that a joint committee from the Legislature act with the Governor in the North Dakota bond matter; to re-establish the office of treasurer of Sampson; to prevent drunkenness in Manly township, Moore county; to amend the charter of Williamston; to allow the commissioners of Duplin to sell the home for aged and infirm; to incorporate the town of Godwin; to establish free ferry across the Cape Fear river at Elmore's Landing; to allow notice of summons by publication to set aside decree of divorce; to prohibit hunting without permission in parts of Wayne; to divide net proceeds of dispensaries in Johnston; to increase the compensation of pages from $1 to $1.50 a day and their actual railroad fare from their homes here and return.

The Olive landlord and tenant bill, which passed, applies to the counties of Wake, Hyde, Union, Franklin, Anson, Sampson and Hertford.

BIG APPROPRIATIONS ASKED.

Chairman Graham, of the Committee on Appropriations, made the statement to-night that his committee has just estimated the amount asked for by the State institutions, including schools and State hospitals, and he finds that the aggregate is $1,350,000 more than was used for maintenance during the past two years and $556,000 more than all the revenue the State will have to spend during the next two years according to estimates made by the State Treasurer.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

New York Market Stronger—Receipts for Week and for Crop Year.

Naval store receipts for the week show a gain in spirits but a falling off in all other items, especially rosin and tar. Only $3.45 was bid for rosin yesterday, with no sales of spirits.

Receipts of cotton at Wilmington for the past week were 2,633 bales against 1,064 same day last season. Receipts since Sept. 1st, 284,679 bales against 318,434 during a corresponding period to a corresponding date in 1904. The market yesterday was firm 12 to 15 points stronger, New York spot having been quiet at 7.90. The local market was quoted steady, 7⅛@7¼, with receipts of 372 bales against only 35 same day last season.

SENATOR EMPIE THANKED.

His Efforts in Behalf of Reformary Appreciated by Wilmington People.

[*Raleigh News & Observer.*]

Senator B. G. Empie, of Wilmington, yesterday received the following telegram from Wilmington:

"You have our loyal support, thoughts, prayers for Reformatory bill."

Signed to it are these names: The King's Daughters and Sons, Chamber of Commerce, James H. Chadbourn, president of Chadbourn Lumber Co.; Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector St. James church; M. E. Cook, principal Union School; J. J. Blair, Superintendent Public Schools; C. C. Chadbourn, merchant; John S. Armstrong, President Atlantic National Bank, Ellen C. Brown, Serena Chadbourn, reformatory committee.

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Church Notices.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets: Divine worship to-morrow at 11 A. M and 7.30 P. M., with preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Wells. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. The pews are free and all are ordially invited to attend.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Sabbath services at 11 00 A. M and 7.30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seamen's Bethel to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, by Rev. A. D McClure, D. D. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

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Notice to the Bondholders of New Hanover County.

The Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County by virtue of the power and authority given them by Section 4 of an act entitled "An act to empower the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County to issue bonds for the erection of a Court House and for other purposes" passed at the 1891 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, have called in for payment twelve (12) of the bonds issued under the authority given in said act, said bonds being of the denomination of $500.00 each, dated January 1st, 1892, and payable January 1st, 1907, and numbered respectively 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30 and 31, and notice is hereby given to the holders of said bonds to present them for payment at The Atlantic National Bank in the city of Wilmington, N. C., on Tuesday, the 21st day of March, 1905, and the holders of said bonds are further notified that all interest upon the bonds above named and mentioned shall cease and stop from and after said day as provided in said act.

This the 18th day of February, 1905.

D. McEACHERN,
Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County.
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SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 18.

CASE STRONGLY STATED.

The difference between the President and the Senate is not only the leading topic of this country but it has attracted general notice in Europe. The average European, accustomed to monarchical ideas and having no conception of the American idea that the people are the government, take the side of President Roosevelt. For instance, Sir Thomas' Barclay, one of Great Britain's statesman, has given out an interview at Berlin in which he has been guilty of some most indiscreet utterances. He characterizes the action of the United States Senate in amending the arbitration treaties against President Roosevelt's will as "disgraceful." He declares also that "the American Senate has developed into a regular junket parliament." Sir Thomas does not stop to think that the Senate has a constitution to go by and that the treaties would not be worth shucks if they were not negotiated "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

Speaking of the conflict between the President and the Senate, the New York Herald puts the case interestingly and strongly in the following editorial:

The American people owe a debt of gratitude to the Senate for defeating President Roosevelt's attempt to become dictator.

The President shall be commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States. He shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur.—From Section 2, Article II, of the Constitution of the United States.

Much of the newspaper comment on the contest of President Roosevelt with the Senate shoots wide of the mark because it aims at supporting the cause of international arbitration. This matter does not enter into the question. The real point at issue is not arbitration, but the attempt of the Executive to usurp functions that belong to the legislative body. This is the situation when stripped of all verbiage.

The extract from the constitution of the United States which is given at the head of these observations puts the matter into a nutshell. Under the constitution the final power of making treaties with foreign governments devolves upon the Senate, not upon the President or the State Department or any other branch of the administration. It is explicitly laid down that the President is authorized to move in such matters only "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." This provision of the constitution is not to be evaded by the quibble of substituting the word "agreement" for "treaty." No matter what name is given to the diplomatic instrument in question, it was intended to represent an undertaking entered into by the United States and a foreign Power. The difference, then, between such an agreement and an ordinary treaty is the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee.

It may be President Roosevelt's hidden purpose to disguise the document as an agreement or a compact, bond, arrangement, covenant, contract, undertaking, or to make any other Machiavellian distinction without a difference that he pleases, but this cannot alter the fact that it is an international treaty. And if he were to make such an agreement or treaty without taking the advice and obtaining the consent of the Senate the President would infringe the constitution and expose himself to impeachment.

It is well that this matter should be plainly stated, for to the people of the United States the maintenance of republican principles of government is far more important than the academic advocacy of arbitration. Those principles have just been seriously menaced, though, thanks to the patriotism of the Senate, the danger has been averted for a time. The framers of the constitution realized that the clearly defined separation of the legislative and the executive bodies is a vitaly essential requisite in government "by the people," and every provision was made in the constitution to keep them separate. It is by the insidious enroachment of the Executive upon the legislative power that government control is concentrated in one branch and ultimately in the hands of one man and thereby a republic is transformed into a dictatorship.

It is begging the question to cite Mr. Roosevelt's "good intentions" and patriotism as evidence that there is no danger to the Republic in his usurpation of the Senate's prerogatives. Caesar was a patriot animated with good intentions, but he destroyed the Roman Republic. Cromwell was a well intentioned patriot, but the Commonwealth under him became a protectorate—which differed from a dictatorship as little as President Roosevelt's international "agreement" differs from an ordinary treaty—became a protectorate that paved the way for the Restoration. Napoleon was a patriot and well intentioned, but he metamorphosed the young French Republic into an empire after preliminary stages as a directorate and a consulate. Each of these men was ambitious of power, so is Mr. Roosevelt; was self confiding, so is Mr. Roosevelt; was dictatorial and impatient of restraint, so is Mr. Roosevelt; had imperialistic aspirations, so has Mr. Roosevelt.

In fact, genius apart, wherein does Mr. Roosevelt differ from these prototypes? Certainly not in his respect for the opinion of the people—witness the Crum case; nor in his respect for the law—witness this attempt to substitute himself for the Senate in making international treaties; nor in his pacific inclinations, for it is an open secret that a powerful squadron of American war ships—fifteen or eighteen, we believe—is under orders for service in Carribean waters to enforce not the policy of the United States but the policy of President Roosevelt. He has just received from the Senate a sharp reminder that he is not yet dictator, but is First Magistrate of the United States—a far more magnificent and noble title. He needed the lesson badly. This is the general opinion of the public. It was this consideration that secured such unanimity in the Senate's vote. Even Senator Lodge, the President's staunch friend, deserted him rather than sacrifice the interests of the Republic. President Roosevelt might have completed his resemblance to Caesar by crying, *"Et tu Lodge!"*

CURRENT COMMENT.

— "Senator Lodge's protest that he felt sure the President was not wilfully trying to usurp the powers of the Senate was virtually a distinct intimation that the President was in fact doing that very thing."—Pittsburg Gazette.

— The fertilizer factory bill has been killed and it is doubtful whether it would have received the earnest support of those who reported in favor of it. The proposition was utterly impracticable, however good the intention of the bill was.—Columbia Record.

— "It will not be denied by the bar of any State that collusion is close to the root of the "divorce evil," now receiving such general discussion, or that a considerable portion of divorces are collusively obtained."—St. Louis Republic.

— "Publicity killed a treaty that would have given England territory in Central America and would have placed that nation in joint control of the proposed Nicaraguan Canal. And the Senate should be a party to similar or kindred agreements, because, from the Senate's deliberation, publicity is certain, and in no transaction of this government should there be secrecy. The people have a right to know all things at all times."—New York American.

— A bill has been introduced in Congress providing a severe penalty for any one using the mails for spreading the boll weevil pest. The bill fixes the penalty at $5,000 or five years in the penitentiary. The bill was brought forth by rather peculiar circumstances. It seems that some wild Texan wrote to a New York cotton firm suggesting that the best way to reduce the cotton supply is to distribute the boll weevil throughout the South. This firm sent the letter to the committee on agriculture, and, hence, the introduction of the bill.

— Never was there a President who had such a keen sense of the value of publicity, or knew so many ways of achieving it, as Mr. Roosevelt. To write a letter to a Senator regarding an executive matter, discussed by the Senate only behind closeddoors, and to give it to the newspapers, was a manifestation of the President's passion for publicity To the Senate it was far more obnoxious than the Santo Domingo protocol, or the President's attitude on the arbitration treaties in themselves considered. But it kept the President on the first page of the newspapers and under display headings. — Philadelphia Record.

TWINKLINGS

— Reformer: My dear man, don't you know the wages of sin is death? Inebriated Laborer: Well, ain't I on a strike?—Town and Country.

— He—I go to bed at night with gloves on to keep my hands soft. She—And do you wear your hat, too?—Hartford Courant.

— "I heard you make use of the word 'jackass,' sir; did you apply it to me?" "No, sir, I didn't. You don't imagine you're the only jackass in the world, do you?"—Cleveland Leader.

— Many queer incidents develop during a typical London fog. One business house received the following telegraph message from a certain official: "Sorry can't come up to-day. Haven't got home yesterday."—New York Sun.

— "Have you read Herbert Spencer's 'Philosophy of Style?'" "Mercy, no! It's all I can do to keep up with the fashion articles in the daily papers without buying books on the subject."—Cleveland Leader.

— "Did you spend money to get into public office?" "No," answered Senator Soghum. "I didn't spend it. I gave it away and then depended on the sense of gratitude of the beneficiaries."—Washington Star.

— Patient—Look here, doctor, you said if I took a bottle of your tonic I would have a remarkable appetite. Why, I eat only one soda cracker each week. Doctor—Well, don't you call that a remarkable appetite?—Detroit Journal.

— A Miss Buchanan was once rallying her cousin, an officer, on his courage, and rashly said: "Now, Mr. Harry, do you really mean to tell me you can walk up to the cannon's mouth without fear?" "Yes," was the prompt reply, "or a Buchanan's, either." And he at once did it.—London Tit-Bits.

—Col. "Bill" Sterratt, of Texas, watched the Senate getting ready for the trial of Judge Swayne. Later some one asked him what he thought of it. "Why, with all that solemnity," he said, "I expected to see Swayne brought in loaded with chains. We never get so serious as that in Texas unless a leading citizen is about to be hanged."—Washington Post.

Fraud Exposed.

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit through stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing diseases for over thirty-five years. A sure protection to you is our name on the wrapper. Look for it on all Dr. King's or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. BUCKLEN & Co., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— There are several cases of smallpox in Halifax county, about six miles from Scotland Neck.

— At Roseboro, Sampson county, Thursday afternoon, Mr. Nathan Bullard was killed at his saw mill. A large splinter came in contact with the fast revolving saw and was driven into his brain through an eye, killing him almost instantly. The dead man leaves a family, including a very sick wife.

— In the Superior Court at Salisbury on Thursday, Rowan Lucky, colored, who murdered his wife near Cooleemee a month ago, was sentenced by Judge Bryan to ten years in the State penitentiary. The case did not go to the jury. Lucky killed his wife instantly by the use of a shot gun.

— Raleigh News and Observer: One of the important measures before the Legislature is Judge Graham's bill to remove the injustice under which the State suffers by reason of the excessive challenges given to the defendant in criminal actions. There has been much agitation in favor of such change in the law, but it has grown in volume particularly during the past two years, until the demand comes from practically the whole body of the people and from a large number of lawyers who have come to see the present law operated to defeat the ends of justice.

— The hearing before Judge Pritchard in the matter of remanding to the State courts certain damage suits against Geo. W. Vanderbilt was resumed at Asheville on Thursday and an affidavit by W. A. Gash filed as evidence by attorneys for Mr. Vanderbilt. By consent of counsel the hearing was again postponed until March 9 when a large number of affidavits will be filed by counsel for both plaintiff and defense. The attorneys representing the plaintiffs in the actions who seek to have the cases remanded to the State courts for trial, contend that they will be able to show by affidavits that the charges contained in the affidavits of Rev. Dr. Swope and J. Hardy Lee and others to the effect that Mr. Vanderbilt cannot get justice in the State courts and that prejudice exists against him, are not founded on facts.

President James B. Dudley, of the A. and M. College for the colored race, at Greensboro, sends out the gratifying information that the epidemic at that institution, which was a very mild form of varioloid, has been stamped out. He writes: "It is with pleasure that I announce that the last patient from the small-pox ward in the A. and M. College was released on the 10th inst. The college has been thoroughly disinfected, using the most powerful disinfectant, and we hope to have no further trouble. All of our students are well. None were seriously sick. The only inconvenience was that of isolation and the quarantine regulations which were necessary to be observed."

— Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 17: Announcement cards were received in Raleigh yesterday telling of the marriage on Saturday, December 31st, of Mr. A. J. Cassidy to Senorita Marie Rivera y Mir, the ceremony having been performed on the last day of the year by the Archbishop of Manila at his palace. Mr. Cassidy is well known in North Carolina and his father and family have just heard of the marriage. Mr. Cassidy has written a number of interesting articles from Manila to the News and Observer and represents this paper in the Philippines. The last article published from Mr. Cassidy told of the formation of the North Carolina Society in the Philippines and the news of yesterday shows that Mr. Cassidy believes in adding members to that society.

— The Howland Improvement Company, lessees of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad, are making good headway in the way of keeping up with their contract with the State and stockholders of the road. They have erected new buildings and made many improvements at Goldsboro, besides they have converted all the old wood burner locomotives into coal burners, bought many new freight cars and repaired and repainted all the passenger coaches, and also built new bridges, new water tanks along the road contributed thousands of cross-ties along the road from here to Newbern, and last, but not least, they are making preparations to lay the new ship load of steel rails which has just arrived in Newbern. When these rails, which are ten pounds heavier to the yard than the old rails, are put down, and with its present additional equipment, the Howland Improvement Company will be abreast of any road in the State.

— A special to the Washington Post from Union City, Tenn., says: "Miss Lola Walker, by her next friend, Mrs. Cullom, through her attorneys, F. W. Moore and Lannon & Stanfield, has brought suit against Richard Edwards, a capitalist and club man of this city, St. Louis, and Memphis, for $50,000 as damages for breach of promise. Edwards met Miss Walker at Asheville, N. C., and is alleged to have taken her to New York and placed her in a school and furnished her plenty of money to pay her way. This appeared about one year ago. Edwards afterward returned to Tennessee and was married to Miss Gibbs, of Union City, a young woman belonging to a prominent family. Meanwhile, it is charged, he continued to correspond with Miss Walker. A few days ago she learned that he was married, and she came at once to Tennessee from Asheville and brought the suit. She is nineteen years old, a decided brunette, and is highly educated. Mr. Edwards is one of the richest young men in Tennessee, his estimated wealth being placed at some $300,000. He was educated abroad. He has retained able counsel and will fight the suit.

Poisons in Food.

Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food, or money back. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Try them.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, February 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.45 bid per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar firm at $1.40; crude turpentine firm at $2.25@4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	13
Rosin	318
Tar	199
Crude turpentine	20

Receipts same day last year—11 casks spirits turpentine, 327 barrels rosin, 305 barrels tar, 57 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 7¼@7⅜c for middling.

Same day last year, market dull at 13c for middling.

Receipts—372 bales; same day last year, 35.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 95c; extra prime, $1.00; fancy, $1.10, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 85c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, dull, 10@11c.

EGGS—Dull at 20@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 15@35c; springs, 12½@15c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 12½c for live; 16½c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@8c net.

PEAS—White, $1.75@1.85; clay, $1.2 @1.35.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60@75c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Money on call was steady at 2@2½ per cent.; closing bid 2¼ per ct, offered at 2½; time loans steady; sixty days 3 per cent.; ninety days 3 per cent.; six months 3¼@3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4¼ per cent. Sterling exchange was quoted weak, with actual business in bankers' bills 487 55@487.60 for demand and at 485.30@485 35 for sixty day bills. Posted rates 486@486¼ and 488¼. Commercial bills 485½@485¾. Bar silver 61¾. Mexican dollars 47¼. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104¾; do. coupon, 104¾; U. S. 3's, registered, 108¾; do. coupon, 108¾; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 131½; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 131½; U. S. 4's, old; registered, 105½; do. coupon, 105½. American Tobacco 4's cert., 76; American Tobacco 6,s cert., 117. Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 103½; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 102¾; Seaboard Air Line 4's 89½; Southern Railway 5's, 119¾. Stocks: Atlantic Coast Line 121¾; Baltimore & Ohio preferred 97; Chesapeake & Ohio 50¾; Louisville & Nashville 137¾; Manhattan L 172¾; New York Central 147¾; Reading 94½; do. 1st pref'd, 93¾; do. 2nd pref'd 89¾; Southern Railway 34½; do. pref'd 97¾; Amalgamated Copper 74; People's Gas 107; Tennessee Coal and Iron 81¾; U. S. Leather 13¾; U. S. Leather preferred, 105¾; Western Union 93¾; U. S. Steel 33; do. preferred 94¾; Mexican Central 23¾; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 38¾; sales — shares; do. preferred, 108; sales — shares. Standard Oil 634.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 17.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 17¼@18; do. preferred, 37¼ bid.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine quiet at 54¾@55c.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 17.—Spirits turpentine and rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 17.—Spirits turpentine 53c, nothing doing; receipts 179 casks; sales — casks, shipments 60 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 981 barrels; sales 955 barrels; shipments 438 barrels: A, B, C, $2 65; D, $2 70; E, $2 75; F, $2 82½; G $2 90; H $3 2½; I, $3 50; K, $4 05; M, $4 50; N, $4 75; W G, $5 00; W W $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The cotton market reflected the nervousness of March shorts over the approach of the first day for that position and at times ruled rather excited, with the near Spring months commanding a premium over May and July for the first time this season. At the best point of the session prices ranged from about seventy-six to one hundred and eight points over the lowest level of the season with March showing the greatest gain. The opening was firm at an advance of three to seven points in response to firm cables, continued bullish advices from the Southern spot markets and the prospects for another bad spell of weather held out by the official forecast. It soon became evident that March shorts were apprehensive and before midday that month had been advanced to 7 60 over a net advance of nineteen points, while May sold no higher than 7.55 or net eleven points higher, and later positions ranged from eight to ten points higher. All sorts of theories were circulated as to the cause of the special demand for March. Some rumors went so far as to say that Southern bull leaders were planning a squeeze of that position in the Southern markets. Others that the outstanding long interest, locally, was in the hands of spot interests short of actual cotton, and who would demand deliveries on contract; while the more reasonable explanation appeared to be that as maturity approached smaller bears were unwilling to remain short at prices below a parity with Southern spot markets when there seemed to be some demand from spinners for the stocks already at the ports, and the outlook for any immediate bulge in the movement seemed poor. At the advance caused by this covering offerings increased. Southern wire houses had selling orders and some conservative longs seemed to be taking profits. There was little aggressive bear pressure, and the market was finally steady at a net advance of two or three points. Sales were estimated at 400 000 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Cotton was steady at 7 90; net receipts 770 bales; gross receipts 1,203 bales; stock 73,063 bales.

Spot cotton closed steady and 10 points higher: middling uplands 7.90c; middling gulf 8.15c: sales 635 bales.

Futures opened firm: February —, March 7.48, April 7.50 bid, May 7.51, June 7.51, July 7.54, August 7.55, September 7.58 bid, October 7.63, November 7 65 bid, December 7.68.

Futures market closed steady: February 7.53, March 7.54, April 7.49, May 7.48, June 7 50, July 7.53, August 7.56, September 7.57, October 7.60, November 7 63, December 7.67.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 18,086 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,796 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 600 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico 1,844 bales; stock 718,847 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 72,493 bales; exports to Great Britain 32 147 bales; exports to France 29 189 bales; exports to Continent 19,388 bales; exports to Japan 4,678 bales; exports to Mexico 2,330 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,878,729 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,565,510 bales; exports to France 588,286 bales; exports to the Continent 3,110,977 bales; exports to Japan 98,123 bales; exports to Mexico 21,544 bales.

Feb. 17.—Galveston, steady at 7 11-16, net receipts 2,473 bales; Norfolk, firm at 7¼c, net receipts 1,076 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7¾c, net receipts 705 bales; Boston, quiet at 7.90c, net receipts 123 bales; Wilmington, steady at 7¼c, net receipts 373 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 8.15c, net receipts 25 bales; Savannah, steady at 7 9-16c, net receipts 2,091 bales; New Orleans, steady at 7¾, net receipts 3,603 bales; Mobile, firm at 7 7-16c, net receipts 248 bales; Memphis, steady at 7½c, net receipts 391 bales; Augusta, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 206 bales; Charleston, steady at 7¾, net receipts 848 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Flour was firm. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 red $1 23½ f. o. b. afloat. Options—May closed 1¼c net lower against ¼c net loss elsewhere; May closed $1 17¼; July closed $1 08½; September closed 96¼c. Corn—Spot irregular; No. 2 56c at elevator. Options showed ¼@⅜c net decline; May closed 51¾c; July closed 53¾c. Oats—Spot firm; mixed, 26@32 lbs., 37@38c. Tallow steady. Butter was strong; creamery, common to extra 27@34c; State dairy 23@31c. Pork quiet. Rice firm. Cheese—Market strong; State, small colored and white 9¾@13¾c. Eggs firm; nearby selected 39c; Southerns 29@35c. Peanuts firm; fancy hand-picked 5¼@5½c; other domestic grades 3¾@5¾. Potatoes quiet; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 50@2 00; State and Western $1 35@1 40; Jersey sweets $3 00@4 50. Cabbages quiet; flat Dutch, per 100, $2 00@3 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 13@14. Sugar—Raw firm; refined steady. Molasses quiet. Lard quiet; refined quiet. Cotton seed oil was about steady, with a moderate trade at quotations: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 18¾@19c; prime summer yellow 25¾@26¼c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 28@28½c; prime winter yellow 29@29½c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Under heavy realizing sales to day the price for May wheat delivery broke 2¼ to 2½c. A partial recovery was made on buying by shorts, but the market closed weak with March off 1¾. Only wheat is down ¼ to ½. Corn is off ⅜c. Oats show a close of ¼ to ⅜c. Provisions are down 2½ to 5c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Cash prices: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 15@1 20; No. 3 do. $1 08@1 18; No. 2 red $1 19@1 22. Corn—No. 2 44½c; No. 2 yellow 44¾c. Oats—No. 2 30½c; No. 3 white, 32¾@33; No. 3 white 31¾@32¾. Rye—No. 2 75. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 62½@13 65. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 72½@6 75. Short rib sides, loose, $6 62½@6 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 75@6 87½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 28.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 20@1 21, 1 21, 1 18¾@1 18¾, 1 19½; July $1 01¾@1 02 1 02, 1 01½, 1 01¾; September 93½@93¾, 93¾, 93, 93¾. Corn—February —, — —, 43¾; May 46¾@46¾, 46¾, 46¾, 46¾; July 47@47¼, 47¼, 47, 47¼c. Oats—February —, —, —, 30¾c; May 31¾@31¾, 31¾, 30¾. 31c; July 31, 31, 30¾, 30¾. Mess pork, per bbl—February —, —, —, $12 60; May $12 80, 12 83, 12 80, 12 83; July —, —, —, $12 93. Lard, per 100 lbs—February —, —, —, $6 73; May $6 92, 6 93, 6 90, 6 93; July, — —, —, $7 05. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—February —, — —, $6 63; May $6 80, 6 83, 6 80, 6 82; July $6 95, 6 97, 6 95, 6 95.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady. Futures steady; September 5 points higher; other positions unchanged.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—Cotton: Spot, in fair demand; prices 6 to 10 points higher; American middling fair 4.69d; good middling 4 35d; middling 4 23d; low middling 4.11d; good ordinary 3 97d; ordinary 3.81d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,400 bales American. Receipts 5,000 bales, including 4,200 bales American.

Futures opened firm and closed very steady; American middling (g o c): February 4.08d; February and March 4.08d; March and April 4.10d; April and May 4 12d; May and June 4.12d; June and July 4.13d; July and August 4.14d; August and September 4.14d; September and October 4.15d; October and November 4.15d; November and December 4.16d.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr Tar Heel, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, S M King.

Stmr A J Johnson, Black, Clear Run, W J Meredith.

Steamer Compton, Sanders, Little River, S C, Stone & Co.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Bunnell, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

CLEARED.

Stmr Tar Heel, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, S M King.

Stmr A J Johnson, Black, Clear Run, W J Meredith.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., February 18.

STEAMERS.

Teesdale, (Br) 1,560 tons, Edwards, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Clarence A Shaffner, (Br) 138 tons, Johnson, C D Mafflit.

Annie Ainslie, 350 tons, Strout, to master.

M C Haskell, 299 tons, Rowe, C D Mafflit.

Elizabeth T Doyle, 664 tons, Stevens, C D Mafflit.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—10 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—88 bales cotton, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—208 bales cotton, 38 barrels rosin, 19 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—26 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine,

W. & N. Railroad—3 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer Comp'ton—20 bales cotton.

Steamer Tar Heel—6 bales cotton, 100 barrels rosin, 154 barrels tar, 14 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—3 bales cotton, 87 barrels rosin.

Schooner C. T. Herman—1 bale cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 93 barrels rosin, 26 barrels tar.

Total—372 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 318 barrels rosin, 199 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

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A New Back for An Old One—How It Is Done in Wilmington.

The backaches at times with a dull, indescribable feeling, making you weary and restless; piercing pains shoot across the region of the kidneys and again the loins are so lame to stoop is agony. No use to rub or apply a plaster to the back in this condition. You cannot reach the cause. Exchange the back for a new and stronger one. Follow the example of this Wilmington citizen.

J. A. White, electrician for the Coast Line Railroad, at Rocky Mount, residing at 206 North Sixth street, says; "I have had great trouble with my back, right across the loins, and when I sat still for awhile I hardly knew how to move and when I did you would think I was seventy-five years old. There were pains all over me and I could not tell where they were to strike me. I used liniments and lots of remedies but nothing did me any permanent good until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Bellamy's drug store and used them. They helped me in a very short time and seemed almost to oil up my joints; in fact, I have not had the pains since I used them."

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1,200 Bags C. S. Meal.
585 Bags Nitrate Soda.
711 Bags Muriate Potash.
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1,450 Bags best Kainit.
1,807 Bags 8-3 3 Tobacco.
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Repairing work of every kind in Metal solicited.

We buy all of your discarded Silver Plated ware. Also old Brass Candlesticks, Brass Andirons and all kinds of old metal.

Carolina Copper Works.

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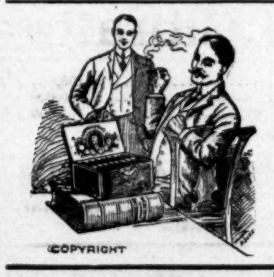

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, January 11th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 722 967 58
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	15,141 81
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	104,500 00
Bonds, securities, etc	39,850 00
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures	20,000 00
Other real estate owned	10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	169 917 84
Due from State Banks and Bankers	176,873 88
Due from approved reserve agents	78,641 96
Checks and other cash items	128 00
Notes of other National Banks	15,135 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	518 93
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: specie	$38,809 00
Legal tender notes	25,815 00 64,624 00
Redemption fund with U. S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	2,000 50
Total	$1,542,141 32

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	83,449 98
National Bank notes outstanding	125 000 00
Due to other National Banks	58,937 94
Due to State Banks and Bankers	150,847 33
Dividends unpaid	244 00
Individual deposits subject to check	766,991 94
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,670 93
United States Deposits	104,500 00
Total	$1,542,641 32

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 1905.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
Geo. R. FRENCH,
D. McEACHERN,
JNO. d. ARMSTRONG, } Directors.

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Hot Water Bags.

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TWO AND A PLUM TREE

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They had been standing beneath the plum tree when they quarreled, or, rather, when they parted.

They had set out for the plum tree with the full intention of gathering the great purple damsons which weighted its branches, but when finally they stood in the long shadow which the tree made in the afternoon sun damsons were the last things in the world of which they thought.

Betty, scarlet to the roots of her copper colored hair, withdrew all censorship from her tongue and said things which she would have indignantly disclaimed had any one repeated them to her an hour later. Jerrold listened silently, but in his eyes was a strange look which she had never seen before. When in the midst of the tirade she paused for breath, he had turned suddenly on his heel, and with a curt "goodby" cast over his shoulder—much as a bone would be thrown to a stray dog, Betty thought—he had vaulted the low fence and gone wrathfully across the pasture.

Betty watched him until a clump of scrub oak hid him from view. Then she sat down with her back against the trunk of the plum tree and thought it all over. As she thought angry tears came to her eyes, coursed down her cheeks and splashed impudently on the hands clasped tightly in her lap. She sat there until the shadow of the tree had reached the fence, and the breeze coming in from the water made her shiver. She rose and turned her face toward the scrub oaks behind which he had disappeared.

"You left rather abruptly, Mr. Jerrold Neil," she said between her white teeth, "and you may stay away as long as you please. You're hardly worth crying over," she added as she brushed away her tears.

Neil next morning sat on the veranda of the casino, solemnly rolling and smoking innumerable cigarettes, which utterly failed to bring him the peace of mind he sought. Catboats with trim white sails were darting to and fro in the bay, and each one suggested the joys of a morning sail with Betty. But the memory of the parting at the plum tree was still strong within him.

A wretched hour dragged past, and he gave up his vain attempts to interest himself in the columns of the morning paper. He flung away his cigarette and, getting to his feet, strolled down the gravel path.

"I'm a fool," he mused, "and a brute. I needn't have left her in that fashion. By George! I'll go over to the plum tree and get some of those damsons. I'll send 'em up to her by Tom. She'll understand."

Mr. Jerrold Neil strode across the fields whistling a gay aria. He emerged from the clump of scrub oak in the pasture and made straight for the plum tree. As he spied the tree one note of the aria was prolonged into a whistle of surprise. Against the base of the tree was a stepladder, and among the branches he caught a momentary flash of white muslin. Then he resumed the aria, quite as if this delightful bit of information had not been vouchsafed to him.

He took down the stepladder, folded it up and calmly sat down on it. Something suspiciously like a gasp of dismay came from the branches above his head, but to this he gave no heed. With his chin in his palm he sat on the stepladder and sighed ponderously before he began to muse aloud.

"'Tis strange," said Mr. Jerrold Neil beneath the plum tree—"'tis passing strange how the human heart will always seek the scenes of its affliction. It was here we quarreled"—another sigh. "She said—O Lord, what didn't she say? If I'm all she made me out she's well done with me"—sighs ad libitum.

He drew out a pipe and filled and lighted it. By vigorous puffing he managed to send quite a respectable cloud of smoke up among the branches. A little choking cough rewarded his efforts, and it was with difficulty that he restrained a chuckle. Presently a wee, small voice crept down from the branches:

"Mr. Neil!"

Neil started violently.

"Ah," he said, "my trouble has brought on hallucinations! Methought I heard my own name. 'Twas Betty's voice, but far too small and weak."

"Mr. Neil!" This time the voice was loud and clear.

"There it goes again!" cried Neil. "Surely Betty's, yet she always called me Jerry, with such a pretty accent."

"Jerry, you—you wretch!" came the voice, accented to the queen's taste.

"Oho!" said Neil. "So it's really you, eh?"

"Yes—no. Don't look up. Jerry, please put the ladder against the tree, then walk across the pasture, and don't look back."

"Don't look up, don't look back," said he mockingly. "Suppose I comply. What do I get for it?"

"What do you want, you haggler?"

"A half hour's talk under the tree."

"You—you've got me cornered," she said. "I'll have to capitulate."

A few minutes later Betty sat on the stepladder, and Neil sprawled comfortably at her feet.

"Bet," he said, "I spent the most miserable morning of my life until I came over here. Tell me, when I came along were you thinking of me, or what?"

She laughed.

"I was wishing I might fall out of the plum tree and break my neck," she said.

"Madam," he said gravely, "since you are so reckless with your own life you'd better give it into my keeping."

And once more the damsons were forgotten. BARRY PRESTON.

They Did.

"Do minstrels take in this town?" inquired the advance agent of the Colossal Black Cork troupe.

"Well, the last that were here did," responded the innkeeper sourly.—Chicago News.

You cannot tell by the size of a man's home the size of his happiness.—Talmage.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight to tell that when your stomach and liver are badly affected grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young, of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Its the best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist, at 50c a bottle.

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An Irish Duel.

The annals of the Emerald Isle bristle with incidents of dueling in which Irish humor, if not at all times Irish bravery, is conspicuous. On one occasion Sir Jonah Barrington fought a duel with a barrister named McNally. The latter had one leg shorter than the other and because it was his habit when in a hurry to take two thumping steps with the short leg to bring up the space made by the long one he was nicknamed "One Pound Two." McNally could get no one of his bar to fight him, and so he challenged Barrington, who good naturedly exchanged shots in the Phœnix park.

The baronet hit his opponent in the braces, then called the "gallows," and feared he had killed him. When the result was made known, one of the seconds shouted, "Mac, you are the only rogue I ever knew who was saved by the gallows."

Slaughter House Byproducts.

Some of the uses of byproducts of slaughtered animals: The blood is used for the production of albumen, the bones for knife handles, toothbrush handles, chessmen, etc.; the horns for combs, backs of brushes, large buttons, etc.; the hoofs for buttons, ornaments and fertilizers. Neat's foot oil, extracted from the feet, has a high commercial value. The fat is used for glycerin and butterin. Gelatin, glue, pepsin and other articles are obtained from slaughtered cattle and sheep. The value of such articles made every year represents many millions of dollars.

Children and Growth.

The year of greatest growth in boys is the seventeenth; in girls, the fourteenth. While girls reach full height in their fifteenth year, they acquire full weight at the age of twenty. Boys are stronger than girls from birth to the eleventh year; then girls become superior physically to the seventeenth year, when the tables are again turned and remain so. From November to April children grow very little and gain no weight; from April to July they gain in height, but lose in weight, and from July to November they increase greatly in weight, but not in height.

Meanings of Several Names.

Asia means morning or east; Europe, evening or west; Australia means lying to or in the south; hence we may consider that these names mean eastern land, western land and southern land. Asia is a Greek word; Europe is a Hebrew word; Australia is a Latin word. The origin of the word Africa is uncertain. Some conjecture that it is a Semitic word meaning "Land of Wanderers."

Unaffected.

Miss Speltz—Of course, no one could truthfully speak of her as pretty.

Mr. Lovett—Well—er—perhaps not, but she has such a quiet, unaffected manner.

Miss Speltz—Yes, but it has taken her several years to acquire it.—Philadelphia Press.

Asking a Good Deal.

"How about the rent of this house of yours, Flitter? Doesn't the landlord ask a good deal for it?"

Flitter—Yes; he often asks five and six times a month for it.—New Yorker.

MEN ARE POWERLESS

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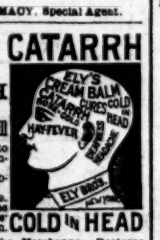

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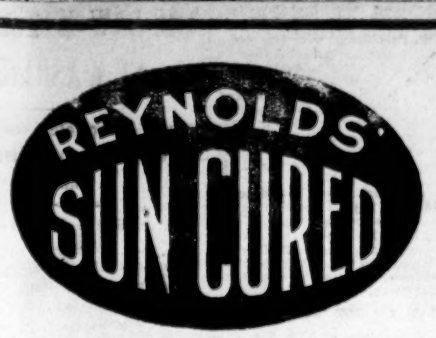

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Suburban and City Schedule.

In Effect January 12, 1905.

Suburban Schedule (daily except Sunday.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave the Beach
6.30 A. M.	8.00 A. M.
10.00 A. M.	12.30 P. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.15 P. M.
	Leave Wrightsville
6.10 P. M.	6.45 P. M.
7.30 " "	8.15 " "
9.00 " "	9.30 " "
10.00 " "	10.30 " "

Extra Cars on Sundays.

Note: Trains leaving Front and Princess Sts. at 6.10, 7.30, 9.00 and 10.00 P. M. will go over to Beach on request.

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Hospital and Cemetery Cars. (Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Cemetery
8.50 A. M.	9.50 A. M.
3.10 P. M.	3.90 P. M.
4.30 P. M.	5.00 P. M.

Delgado and Golf Link Car (Without change.) Daily except Sunday

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Golf Links.
3.40 P. M.	4.00 P. M.
5.10 " "	5.30 " "

A. C. L. Depot Car (Without change).

Leave Front and Princess	Leave A. C. L. Depot
10.00 A. M.	10.10 A. M.
5.40 P. M.	6.00 P. M.

S. A. L. Car (Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave S. A. L. Depot
12.35 P. M.	12.45 P. M.
2.35 P. M.	3.00 P. M.
11.15 P. M.	11.30 P. M.

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Daily except Sunday.

Leave 5th and Orange	Leave the Beach
3.00 P. M.	4.30 P. M.

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EASTBOUND.

Station.	No. 3.	No. 5.
Lv Goldsboro	3 45 p m	8 00 a m
Lv L. Grange	4 16 p m	8 28 a m
Lv Kinston	4 40 p m	8 52 a m
Lv Dover	5 08 p m	9 14 a m
Lv Core	5 18 p m	9 27 a m
Lv Tuscarora	5 26 p m	9 37 a m
Ar Newbern	5 45 p m	10 00 a m

Station	No. 7 (Accom)
Lv New Bern	5 55 p m
Lv B'verdale	6 18 p m
Lv Havelock	6 34 p m
Lv Newport	6 50 p m
Ar Morehead City	7 12 p m

WESTBOUND.

Station	No. 4	No. 6 (Accom)
Lv Morehead City	7 40 a m	5 30 a m
Lv Newport	8 11 a m	6 34 a m
Lv Havelock	8 27 a m	7 08 a m
Lv B'verdale	8 42 a m	7 30 a m
Ar New Bern	9 00 a m	8 05 a m

Station	No. 6
Lv New Bern	9 15 a m
Lv Tuscarora	9 37 a m
Lv Core	9 49 a m
Lv Dover	10 08 a m
Lv Kinston	10 27 a m
Lv LaGrange	10 51 a m
Ar Goldsboro	11 20 a m

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NORTHBOUND.

	No 42	No 48
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	6 30 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 08 p m	9 52 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 05 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	4 23 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 59 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 23 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 00 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	7 35 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	8 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 41 p m	1 35 p m
Ar Wilson	11 23 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	0 46 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	3 30 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 05 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	10 45 p m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	5 50 a m	6 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 30 p m	10 25 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	* Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	12 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 14 p m	6 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 50 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 35 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound (*Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	6 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 10 p m	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	3 40 p m

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" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 80 p m
" Raleigh	11 40 a m	1 30 a m
" Norlina	1 35 p m	3 47 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 30 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 55 a m
" Washington	8 06 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 31	No. 32
Leave New York	12 25 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 13 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 57 a m
" Washington	6 22 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	5 35 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	6 40 a m	7 30 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 15 p m
" Athens	6 45 a m
Arrive Atlanta	8 40 a m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 38
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m
" Athens	11 23 p m
" Hamlet	6 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 43
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
" Columbia	12 30 a m
" Savannah	6 40 a m
" Jacksonville	9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa	5 45 p m

NORTHBOUND

	No. 66
Leave Tampa	8 30 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	5 30 a m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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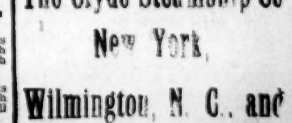

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 18.

PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

Positive Statement That the Czar is Considering Proposals from Japan—Gen. Grippenberg in St. Petersburg.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Saehtum, Manchuria, says that 11,000 Japanese troops and Chinese bandits are reported to be in southeast Manchuria in the neighborhood of Chalbashchon 45 miles northwest of Gunshu pass, whence they intend to operate against the railroad. A detachment of Russian frontier guards with two guns encountered the Japanese February 14, and defeated them. The detachment, however, while advancing, was surrounded by two regiments of Japanese cavalry, four companies of Infantry and a large band of Chinese bandits about 15 miles north of Gunshu pass and lost heavily. One gun was lost and nearly all the gun horses and a number of gunners were killed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17, 6:40 P. M.—The Associated Press learns on excellent authority that the question of peace was formally considered by Emperor Nicholas and his ministers at the conference held at Tsarskoe Selo yesterday. No particulars are obtainable, as before the discussion began the Emperor exacted from each one a solemn promise not to divulge the slightest hint of what transpired. The belief is, however, that the possible conditions and terms were under consideration.

It is suggested in high quarters that some intimation of terms have reached the Russian government from Japan, although it is certain that it did not come through the regular diplomatic channels.

R. G. DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Weather Conditions Have Retarded Business—Revival of Export Buying.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly Review of Trade to-morrow will say:

Weather conditions still dominate the trade situation. Low temperatures and deep snow have interferred with traffic and checked the revival of business that was well under way in most sections of the country. Retail distribution is not maintained, and the deleterious effects are visible in all outdoor work, while the interruption to the movement of freight has effected manufacturing to some exteni. Prices of staple commodities at the Exchanges are advanced by the restricted receipts at primary markets. Meanwhile there is evidence that the confidence in the future remains unshaken, preparations for Spring and Summer trade continuing unabated, except where fuel or other supplies are temporarily blockaded in transit. Jobbing trade in dry goods is on a liberal scale. Railway earnings thus far reported for February were 1.9 per cent smaller than a year ago, probably another result of bad weather.

In the textile industries the most significant event of the week was the revival of export buying of cotton goods for China.

Failures this week numbered 258 in the United States against 287 last year.

OUR GOVERNMENT RAILROAD.

The Panama Line a Tremendous Earner. What Investigation Shows.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Panama Railroad Company is capitalized at $7,000,000. The gross earnings of the company for the past eleven months were $2 861,358. The expense of operation was $1,840,984.

This statement was presented to-day by the subcommittee of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, charged with an investigation of the affairs of this company. Other information developed at the hearing was that the members of the Panama commission, who have been elected directors in the company, receive the regular compensation of other directors, namely, $325 for attendance on the bi-monthly board meetings and Commissioner Parsons $10 for attendance on the bi weekly meeting of the executive committee, Each one of these director-commissioners is credited with one share os the stock of the company on the books and draws the dividends declared on the same. Admiral Walker, chairman of the commission, is credited with one hundred shares of the stocks of the company.

Admiral Walker in explanation said to-night that the commissioners own stock as government directors only and that the dividends they draw are coverted into the Federal treasury.

BASEBALL FOR 1905.

The Rules of Last Year Were Adopted by the Major Leagues.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The American League of baseball clubs to-day rejected the amendment proposed by the National Association, an organization of minor league clubs, providing for an increase in payments by the two major leagues for players drafted from teams in the minor league.

The joint committee on rules of the two major leagues met to-day and readopted the 1904 rules. Absolutely no change was made. The foul strike rule was discussed, but the joint committee was unanimous in its opinion that the rule should stand.

The conditions for the world's championship series of games between the respective winners of the National and American leagues were made known to-day. There will be seven games, the location of the first three to be decided by lot. The deciding game will be played in a neutral city, to be decided by the National commission. The American league playing schedule for the season of 1905 was given out to-night.

A parcels post treaty between this government and Great Britian, was yesterday signed by President Roosevelt Secretary Hay and Postmaster General Wynne. It has already been signed by the British officials and will take effect April 1st.

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HEAD BLOWN OFF BY ANARCHISTS.

Awful Fate of Grand Duke Sergius, in Moscow, Russia, Yesterday.

MANGLED BY BOMB THROWN.

His Driver Was Killed and the Carriage Torn to Flinders—Murderers Were Captured—Emperor Nicholas Prostrated Over Tragedy.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MOSCOW, Feb. 17.—While Grand Duke Sergius was driving to-day from the Nicholas Palace through the senate quarter, his carriage was followed by two cabs. At the law courts a sleigh, in which there were two men, one who was dressed as a workman, went quickly ahead of the Grand Duke's carriage. The sleigh then slowed up to allow the carriage to pass and at that moment a bomb was thrown beneath the carriage. The force of the explosion broke all the windows of the law courts and the report was heard outside the city. The carriage was blown to pieces, nothing but four wheels remaining. The horses were not hurt and bolted. The Grand Duke was instantly killed. His head was blown off, actually being separated from his body, which was frightfully mangled. The coachman was also killed. He was so frightfully burned by the explosive with which the bomb was charged that he died while being taken to a hospital. On the arrest of the murderers, neither of whom was known to the police, one of them coolly said: "I don't care. I have done my job."

An immense crowd gathered at the spot and made a demonstration against a number of students who commenced scattering revolutionary proclamations. Within a few minutes after the explosion people might have been seen gathering up pieces of wood and clothing as mementos of the tragedy.

When the Grand Duchess Elizabeth, widow of the Grand Duke Sergius, was informed of the occurrence, she immediately went to the scene of the assassination without waiting to put on a hat or cloak. The gates of the Kremlin were closed as soon as the news of the assassination was conveyed to the authorities, and the remains of the Grand Duke were taken to the Nicholas Palace.

One of the assassins was arrested by a policeman, who overtook him as he was running from the scene of the assassination. The man carried a revolver, but made no attempt to use it. He expressed gratification that the Grand Duchess Elizabeth was not accompanying her husband, Grand Duke Sergius, when the latter was killed. The assassin refused to reveal his identity, but admitted that he was a member of the Socialistic revolutionary party.

The head of the Grand Duke Sergius was literally blown to atoms. A mass of his brains was found nearby by a woman, who handed it to a police commissioner. The grand Duke's pocketbook which contained letters and money, was found nearby.

At the moment of the explosion the Grand Duchess Elizabeth was at Kremlin superintending work for the wounded at the front, and was about to proceed to the residence of the Governor General, expecting to meet her husband there. Her carriage was waiting outside the Kremlin.

Prayers for the murdered Grand Duke were held later in the evening, the Grand Duchess Elizabeth, civil and military offic als being present. The body of Grand Duke Sergius will be interred in the Cathedral of the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The extra newspapers tonight announce the death of Grand Duke Sergius by the explosion of a bomb, but give no details.

WAS A TYRANT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17, 4:50 P. M.—The news of the tragedy in which Grand Duke Sergius was blown up created a tremendous sensation in St. Petersburg, where the announcement by 'phone from Moscow arrived during the afternoon. Owing to the intense excitement prevailing few particulars are ascertainable. Grand Duke Sergius, who was a brother-in-law as well as uncle of the Emperor, and who had exercised immense influence at court, was regarded as the most reactionary of the Grand Dukes. As Governor General of Moscow he was intensely unpopular. His advent as Governor General of Moscow was followed by the expulsion of the Jews from the central provinces and throughout his administration his rigorous and harsh measures aroused the greatest hostility, especially among the students. Two years ago after the student riots, in which many were killed or wounded, several hundred expulsions to Siberia f llowed under the orders of Grand Duke Sergius and General Leipoff, now Governor General of St. Petersburg, but who was then chief of police of Moscow. As there were many threats against his life the Grand Duke was obliged to flee to his Summer residence, twenty miles from the city.

During the recent strike disturbances the Grand Duke left the Diskoutchny palace on the outskirts of the city where he had been living and took refuge inside the ramparts of the Kremlin where he had since lived in what is known as the Dole Palace, opposite the famous statue of Alexander II. The trip to the Kremlin on that occasion was made at night between solid lines of troops. Grand Duke Sergius was the wealthiest member of the imperial family. He was tall, handsome and cordial in manner n spite of the ruthless fashion in which he exercised his authority as Governor General. He was childless but had adopted two children of his brother Paul, who was banished on account of a morganatic alliance. Sergius' record as a soldier was not brilliant. He suffered a disastrous defeat at the hands of General Kuropatkin during the famous Koursk maneuveres.

Much of the responsibility for the catastrophe at the coronation of Emperor Nicholas in Moscow when several thousand people were crushed to death at the time of the distribution of the imperial gifts, was laid at Grand Duke Sergius' door. It was held that he had not taken sufficient precautions and the Liberals, after the affair here of January 22, placed the major portion of the blame on his shoulders.

The news of the assassination of the Grand Duke reached Tsarskoe while the imperial family was entertaining Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia. It created the greatest consternation. The Emperor is reported to have been completely prostrated. All festivities in honor of the Prussian guest were at once abandoned.

This afternoon Ambassador McCormick and the other ambassadors drove to the palace to express their official condolences, also leaving their cards at the palaces of the various members of the imperial family.

At the time sentence of death was pronounced by the terrorists upon Grand Duke Sergius, it was reported that Grand Duke Alexis, procurator of the Holy Synod Pobiedonostseff and General Trepoff, then chief of police, of Moscow, and now Governor General of St. Petersburg, were also condemned to death, and according to some reports a similar sentence was imposed upon the Dowager Express.

The sentence of death on Grand Duke Sergius was contained in a proclamation issued by the Social revolutionists of Moscow after the demonstration on December 11th of last year at St. Petersburg was put down. It reads:

"If our demonstration at Moscow (Dec. 18, and 19), is crushed in as bloody a manner as that of our brothers of St. Petersburg then be the guilt therefor upon the head of Grand Duke Sergius and General Trepoff and we the committee in that event have forecordained their death."

DOES THE TRAGEDY DOOM REFORM?

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18, 2 A.M.—The assassination of Grand Duke Sergius undoubtedly was the work of the fighting organization of the Socialistic revolutionary party, which condemned and executed Count Bobrekoff, governor general of Finland, and Mm. Sipiaguine and Von Plehve, minister of the interior. It is regarded as a direct challenge from the Socialists to the autocracy, and a revival of the famous duel between the Nihilists and the government 25 years ago.

Opinions differ as to the political effect of the tragedy, some inclining to the view that the killing of a member of the imperial family may result in Nicholas II reviving a period of reaction; but this opinion is not generally shared.

The murder of Grand Duke Sergius just at the time when the forces of Liberalism were again in the supreme, and when the summoning of the Zemsky Sobor was actually assured, meets with universal apprehension, even extreme Democrats who are denouncing the crime as strongly as do the Liberals and Conservatives. According to a higher official, the decision had been already practically taken to officially proclaim the Zemsky Sobor for February 22. M. Souverin, the editor of the Novoe Vremya, said to the Associated Press last night:

"I do not believe this crime can now interfere with the carrying out of reform, to which the government is too far committed. I am certain the Zemsky Sobor will soon be announced and assemble without awaiting the termination of the war."

Prince Shirinsky Schahmatoff, who had an audience with Emperor Nichols at Tsarskoe Selo yesterday, was frankly told by the Emperor that the Zemsky Sobor would be elected under a class franchise by the nobles, clergy, merchants and peasants, but that all the deputies would sit together and the committee of ministers, the Associated Press is informed, was yesterday entrusted by the Emperor with the appointment of a committee to work up the details of the electoral machinery.

The news of the tragic death of his uncle was brought to the Emperor while he was giving an audience to General Gripenburg, and caused him a great shock. By the Emperor's direction the members of the imperial family who were at Tsarskoe, Selo in connection with the visit of Prince Frederick Leopold, of Prussia, were immediately summoned to the chapel where a requiem was held.

LATER DETAILS.

MOSCOW, Feb. 18, 4:20 A. M.—Within the wall of the far famed Kremlin Palace and almost underneath the historical tower from which Ivan the Terrible watched the heads of his enemies falling beneath the axe on the famous Red Square and within a stone's throw of the great bell of Moscow, Grand Duke Sergius, uncle and brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas, and chief of the reactionaries, met a terrible death shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deed was committed by a single terrorist, who threw beneath the carriage of the grand duke a bumb charged with the same high power explosive which wrought Minister Von Plehve's death. The missile was packed with nails and fragments of iron and its explosion tore the imperial victim's body to ghastly fragments, which strewed the snow for yards around. Every window in the great, lofty facade of the Palace of Justice was shattered, and bits of iron were imbeded deeply in the walls of the arsenal, a hundred yards away.

The assassin belongs to the noted "Fighting Group" of the Socialist revolutionary party which has removed other prominent officials and long since passed sentence of death upon Grand Duke Sergius. The Grand Duke knew that he stood in the shadow of death. He was the recipient of repeated warnings, and elaborate precautions were taken to insure his safety.

It was the irony of fate that Sergius, after taking refuge in his country villa during the strike troubles of a month agoand later seeking even more secure shelter in the palace within the Kremlin walls, should be killed while proceeding to the governor general's palace beyond the walls which he had abandoned to enable the police to better protect him. Grand Ducness Elizabeth, who has been engaged daily in the task of preparing comforts for the sick and wounded Russian soldiers in Manchuria, was about to drive to the palace to join her husband. When she heard of what had befallen the Grand Duke she was driven in haste to the scene of the tragedy and knelt hatless and coatless on the bloodstained snow and murmured prayers for the welfare of the soul of her slain consort.

The scene of the crime was the great open triangle within the Kremlin, bounded by the arsenal, treasury and courts of justice, in one angle of which is the Nocholas, or Little Palace, where the Grand Duke dwelt. At the opposite corner is the Nikolsky gate, the exit to the town beyond the ramparts.

A few minutes the bell of the gate sounded the hour of three and the equipage of the Grand Duke emerged from the gates of the palace and proceeded, followed by sleighs containing secret police. It swept at a smart pace towards the gate, passing the Choudeff cloisters, Ivan's tower, the great Czar bell and long rows of cannon captured from Napoleon in the winter retreat of 1812. In a minute the carriage was in front of the courts of justice, where the walls of the triangle approach, forming a narrow entrance to the Nikolsky gate. There a man clad in workman's attire stepped forward from the sidewalk and threw a bomb which he had concealed beneath his coat. A terrible explosion followed and a hail of iron pelted the grim stone walls of the arsenal and courts of justice. A thick cloud of smoke, snow and debris arose. When it had cleared a ghastly sight was presented. On the snow lay fragments of the body of the Grand Duke Sergius, mingled with the wreck of the carriage. The Grand Duke's head had been torn from his body and reduced to a shapeless pulp and the trunk and limbs were frightfully mangled.

When the General Assembly of Delaware met in joint session for the Senatorial ballot yesterday, six of the Union Republicans broke away from J. Edward Addicks. This is the first break from Addicks since he became a candidate for United States Senator in 1895. The bolters scattered their votes.

THE LAW MAKERS AT WASHINGTON.

House Appropriates Nearly $10,000,000 for the District of Columbia.

THE SENATE BACKS DOWN.

Amende Honorable for Infraction of Prerogatives of House—First Statue of Woman for Statuary Hall—Miss Frances E. Willard.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—In order to facilitate action at this session on the Statehood bill, the House to-day passed a resolution, 161 to 127, sending that measure, as amended by the Senate, directly into conference without an opportunity being afforded to debate it. With the exception of Mr. McLachlin, of California, who voted with the Democrats, party lines were strictly drawn.

Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, criticised the rule and provoked laughter when he compared the Speaker with a noted Indian chief named "Old-Man-Afraid-of-His-People," and said the Speaker would go down into history as "Old-Man Afraid-of-His-Majority."

The naval appropriation bill was under discussion for several hours. On a point of order, the appropriation of $20,000 for a naval prison at the Pensacola, Fla., navy yard was stricken out.

At 4 o'clock the bill was laid aside, and the exercises began for the reception and acceptance from the State of Illinois of the statue of Frances E. Willard in Statuary Hall.

Adoption speeches extolling the life and deeds of Miss Willard were delivered by Representatives Foss, Gaff and Rainey, of Illinois, and Littlefield, of Maine, and Senators Cullom, Dolliver, Hopkins and Beveridge. A resolution of acceptance was adopted by the House, which then adjourned.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Senate to-day passed the bill appropriating $9,940,000 for the District of Columbia, and the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, carrying $2,186,000. The District bill had been before the Senate for several days and had been much debated. The diplomatic bill received the attention of the Senate for only twelve minutes and was passed without discussion.

A special feature of the day was the acceptance of the statute of Frances E. Willard, the distinguished temperance advocate which was presented to the National capitol by the State of Illinois. Notwithstanding there are about forty pedestals in the hall, the statue of Miss Willard is the first of a woman to find a place there, and the members of her sex showed their appreciation of the compliment by turning out in large numbers to listen to the eulogistic address made in connection with the ceremony.

One witness, Judge Simeon Belden was heard during the day in the Swayne impeachment trial, testifying for the prosecution, and an hour was spent in secret session in an ineffectual effort to determine the admissability as evidence of Judge Swayne's statement before a committee of the House.

The Senate terminated its controversy over the House amendment construing the provision of the Dingley law relating to the drawback on imported wheat, by receding from the amendment inserted in the agricultural appropriation bill, as it passed the Senate. Several Senators, including Mr. Morgan, protested against the action of the House, while Messrs. Bacon, Spooner, Money and Teller defended it on the ground that the Senate had exceeded its prerogatives.

Mr. Martin called attention to the fact that the employers' liability bill has been in the hands of the Committee on Interstate Commerce for twelve months, and said that while he did not mean to ask the committee's discharge from further consideration of the bill, he did desire to call attention to the facts and to ask the committee to take up the measure and make a report on it.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

WARM WIRELETS.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of Charles M. Hoover as postmaster at Thomasville, N. C.

At Alexandria, Va., yesterday, Tom Underwood, colored, was hanged for killing Policeman R. G. Amond, while trying to arrest Underwood for killing a negro woman, Iretta Parker.

At Detroit, Mich., yesterday R. B. Bennett, of Herron Hill Gun Club, of Pittsburg, Pa., won the title of champion live bird shot of North America. He killed 24 birds out of a possible 25. He missed his third bird.

At New York yesterday District Attorney Jerome notified counsel for Nan Patterson, accused of murdering Caesar Young, that a new trial of her case will be begun on March 6th, in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court.

At Beaufort, S. C. yesterday, Sheriff J. E. McTeer and Deputy White arrested J. E. Boggs, charged with the murder of a man named Kale, at Raymoor, W. Va., in Fayette county. Boggs, who was employed as section master on the Charleston & Western Carolina railroad, was taken to jail and is awaiting the arrival of the sheriff of Fayette county, who had offered a reward of $100 for his apprehension. Borgs admitted that he was the man who committed the homicide, but says it was done in self defence.

The House committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions gave a hearing at Washington yesterday to a delegation of negroes headed by Lawyer Giles Jackson, Richmond, Va., and including representatives from Boston and Pittsburg, who urged an amendment to the bill providing government participation in the Jamestown Exposition. The amendment which they supported, appropriates $300,000 for an exhibit of the industries of the colored race in this country. The committee took no action in the matter.

At the Chadwick bankruptcy hearing at Cleveland yesterday, Mrs Chadwick appeared handsomely attired and apparently in excellent health. She walked briskly and displayed none of the nervousness that marked her bearing when last seen in public. She examined each of the claims against her in a cordial manner and rejected a number of them wholly or in part. The claims taken up at yesterday's session of the court were generally of minor importance, none of the accounts being passed upon.

— Mr. Oscar Morris arrived yesterday from Richmond.

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FIGHTING STANDARD OIL CO.

Kansas and Colorado to Establish State Oil Refineries—Kansas Will Use Standard Oil's Pipe Line.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TOPEKA, KANSAS Feb. 17. —The Kansas House to-day without a dissenting vote, passed the bill making oil pipe lines common carriers. This is the second of the series of the bills directed against the Standard Oil Company. It has already passed the Senate and will, it is said, be signed by the Governor. Without this bill the refinery plan could not have been carried out successfully, owing to the lack of pipe lines owned by the State. Now, however, the State oil can be piped through the Standard Oil Company's lines The discrimination bill, designed to prevent the Standard Oil Company from underselling the State refinery was made a special order for next Monday. This bill makes it unlawful for any commodity to be sold in any one town of the State lower than another, except such differences as may be made necessary through freight rates. Thus the Standard Oil Company will be prevented from cutting the price of oil to meet the State price any place in the State, unless it reduces the price for the whole State.

Governor Hoch to-day signed the bill passed on Wednesday appropriating $200,000 for the erection and maintenance of a State oil refinery with a capacity of 3,000 barrels a day. Governor Hoch sent a lengthy message to the Legislature, giving his reasons for signing the refinery bill. He said that the present legislation was not an attempt to drive the Standard Oil Co. from the State, nor to deprive it of its rights; "it is no attempt to establish a monopoly but an attempt to compel a monopoly already existing to be decent." He said that when normal conditions were again restored the State would be glad to withdraw from the business of refining oil.

CHANUTE, KANSAS, Feb. 17.—The Standard Oil Company is again buying oil in the Chanute district, after refusing to take any for one week. The construction of the pipe lines in the territories which was recently suspended is also again in progress.

Reports from Independence, Peru and other places indicate that the Standard Oil Company is buying there also.

DENVER, COLO., Feb. 17.—A bill for the establishment of a State oil refinery has been introduced in the Colorado Legislature. The bill provides for an appropriation of $125,000 for the erection and operation of a refinery. The price of crude oil in this State has recently been reduced from $1 to 80c a barrel.

ROUGH VOYAGE BY BLAKELY.

Torpedo Boat Driven Off Shore 150 Miles and is Covered With Ice.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 17.—After a cold, rough, voyage lasting for two days the torpedo boat Blakely, in command of Lieutenant Charles E. Courtney, U. S. N., arrived at the navy yard to-day, completely covered with ice.

The Blakely left the torpedo station at Newport, R. I., on Wednesday morning and headed for this yard and when off the Delaware Breakwater she encountered very severe weather which caused rough seas, and the crew were compelled to put her head in a position, which would place the wind on the quarter and in doing so were blown about 150 miles off their course. The weather being very cold the spray which was blown up, as the ship plowed through the waves would freeze as fast as it hit the ship, the forward mast was carried away and the whistle badly bent and several dents were made in the smokestacks.

Lieutenant Courtney said that while there was no great amount of danger at any time during the trip, the small vessel could be felt quivering from stem to stern every time she would strike a big wave and that he was glad to get where it was comfortable and could get a chance to thaw out.

HOKE SMITH IS MUM.

Refuses to Talk About Secretary Hitchcock's Criticisms.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 17.—Hoke Smith, former Secretary of the Interior, whose official action in granting a lease of lands in Indian Territory to alleged oil speculators, has been criticised by Secretary Hitchcock, declined to make any statement to-day to an Associated Press representative. He said that he will reply to the criticism, but he would say nothing of what he shall do until he can get better information as to the exact nature of the comment on his act and also until he can refresh his memory as to the matter in question. Mr. Smith left for Washington late to-day.

"WIZARD OF OZ" TO-NIGHT.

Magnificent Production of Extravaganza Which Set New York Wild.

There are only a few seats left for the big production of the "Wizard of Oz" at the Academy of Music to-night and the audience promises to rise to the dignity of "standing-room-only." It will be one of the biggest productions of the year. Bear witness to what the Charlotte Observer had to say of the attraction in that city ten days ago, when the company was en route South:

A fine and enthusiastic crowd last night greeted the "Wizard of Oz" at the Academy. Bert Swor as the Scarecrow, and Miss Mary Taylor, as "Cynthia Clinch, the Lady Lunatic" led in action and meritorious work, and won hands from the entire house at each performance.

The dances and songs were far above the ordinary, and there was a spirit and go that stirred enthusiasm and kept it to a high pitch. The scenic and mechanical effects were pleasing in every sense and the chorus girls were, in the main, attractive looking, some even pretty, and all of them graceful.

Jolliky and many horse-laugh spells had place in the Wizard's realm. The lion and Imogene, the cow, played no slight part in shortening what would otherwise have been a drawn out performance. For three hours the people were pleased, and the applause was sounded from orchestra rail to the seats nigh unto the roof.

Building Permits.

Application was made yesterday for the following building permits: Burnie Lee, one-story building, on Wooster, between Eighth and Ninth streets, for B. R. King. Rountree & Skipper, two-story, tin-roof dwelling, on west side of Sixth, between Nun and Church streets, for J. W. Batson. W. E. Glenn, two story, brick or stone building on south sides of Seaboard Air Line, 113x28 feet in size, for T. W. Wood.

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TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston, 1,916,817; New Orleans, 1,836 714; Mobile, 336,164; Savannah, 1,293,961; Charleson, 178,026; Wilmington, 284,680; Norfolk, 490 747; Balmore, 38 348; New York, 31,863; Boston, 45,783; Newport News, 4,189; Philadelpoia, 9,305; Brunswick, 153,364; Jacksonville, 16,722; Pensacola, 118,888; Port Arthur and Sabine Pass, 99 514; Port Townsend, 41,244; San Francisco, 57,339; Portland, Ore., 8,931; Vancouver, B C., —; El Paso, 3,125; Eagle Pass 6 194; Laredo, 13, 815; Minor pors, 4,148. Total, 6,878,729 bales.

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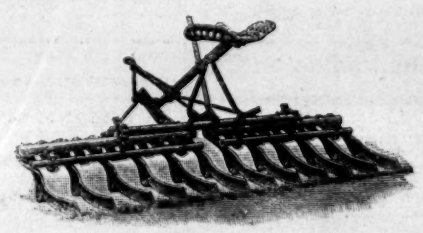

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